

SPARKS DOUG MANNING



Don Lindsay Drops 11 Baskets of Game

Acton Y's basketball team awarded March 24's match to the visiting team, Kitchener Mayfair with a hospitably wide score of 32 to 00 here. For the Kitchener team, this was the last warm-up game before the Canadian finals when they will be meeting teams from Woodstock, Brantford and Toronto.

Dropping the most baskets for Acton was Don Lindsay with 11. Other top men were Stewart McDonald with six, Don Price with five, Peter Lawson and Peter Newton with three each, Wayne Wilson and Brian McCristall with two each, Bill Shannon and Dave Fleming set up most of the plays for Acton and Frank Mariseck did the rebounding, Wolfgang Lorenz and Dave Fleming did a good job defensively.

Six District Highway Deaths During February, O.P.P. Report

The Ontario Provincial Police report on highway traffic statistics for the month of February shows a total of 1,958 motor vehicle accidents in which 51 persons lost their lives. Figures shown on the chart for Halton, Dufferin, Wentworth and Norfolk counties, called District 3, indicates 246 accidents, six of them fatal. In this district, which includes both the local and district police, six persons lost their lives, while another 65 were injured.

Of the 9,175 vehicles given a safety check in these four counties, there were 2,030 warnings issued, 1311 charges laid and the rest 5,834 received safety stickers. Interesting to note is the fact that there were 742 speeding charges laid during the month, as well as 195 for defective equipment, and 136 for rules of the road.

Knox Group Decides To Decorate Vestry

The monthly meeting of Knox Ladies' Aid was held last week at the home of Mrs. R. Parker, Park Ave. Program convener Mrs. J. A. Robinson presided and was assisted by Mrs. R. H. Armstrong in the devotional period.

The business was conducted by Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon. The nominating committee was reported for by Mrs. R. L. Davidson, who announced all offices were now filled, with Mrs. McCutcheon consenting to carry on as advisory leader, Mrs. W. McLeod, first vice-president and Mrs. A. M. McPherson, second vice-president. A motion was carried that no president be expected to act for more than a two year period unless she so desired.

The ladies decided to decorate the minister's vestry with new floor covering and other necessary improvements.

South Halton Schools Hold Music Festival

Fourteen urban schools in South Halton vied with one another for top honors when the first of three festival competitions was held in Oakville.

Early in the week elimination contests were participated in by Glenwood, Nelson, Brantwood, Westwood, Oakwood and Central schools at Oakwood public school and by Munn's, Lorne Skuce, Linbrook, Maple Grove, Palermo, and W. H. Morden schools at Linbrook public school. Adjudicator for the eliminations was Miss Glenn Dawson, Supervisor of Music at Hamilton.

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Magistrate's Court Has Six Convictions

Six convictions, two remands and one dismissal were registered in Magistrate C. A. Thoburn's court here last week.

A local man was fined a total of \$20 and costs on two charges under the Liquor Control Act. Another local man, convicted of driving while license was under suspension, was fined \$50 and costs.

A Fergus district youth was fined a total of \$19 plus costs on two charges under the Highway Traffic Act while a Toronto man was convicted on a count of having liquor in an illegal place.

Programs of Music At Friendly Circle

The March meeting of the Friendly Circle was held in the school room of the United Church, Wednesday evening, March 21 with the president, Mrs. Verna Bean, presiding.

Items of interest in the business session included an invitation by Miss Jean Rowe to the Circle to enter for the Explorer's Mother and Daughter banquet to be held in May. The business session closed with Easter hymns.

Group two then took charge, Mrs. Helen Waterhouse and Mrs. Mary McKenzie heading the group. During the devotional period, Mrs. H. Waterhouse read a chapter entitled 'Life Story of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, taken from a new book just published, Women of the Bible by Edith Dean, from the Sunday School Library. A musical program followed. Miss Laughlin played two piano selections and Miss Goodwin sang a solo. Miss Faye Garner played on the accordion.

The group in charge sold home baked cookies at the meeting as their project. The evening closed with ice cream, cake and cookies served with coffee.

Anniversary Booklet Published by Legion

Twenty-five years of progress and activity are reviewed in an attractive booklet compiled by the Acton Branch No. 197 Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. Publication coincides with the 25th anniversary of this Legion here.

It was in 1931, one article explains, when a group decided to apply to the Ontario Provincial Command for a charter to form a Legion branch here. A veteran of both the South African War and the First Great War, "Commander" Billy Gould was elected president and Fred Wright, secretary-treasurer and service officer.

The present building was purchased in 1946, the booklet recalls. On the building committee were Comrades J. M. "Bud" McDonald, Fred Wright, Jim Chalmers, Billy Middleton, Bill Finlay, Bill Coon and Earl Davidson. Additions and renovations were on the Legion program this anniversary year.

Included in the book are pictures of special events, such as the Magna Carta week parade and Decoration Day, the cenotaphs at Acton, Rockwood and Nassagaweya, and former secretaries Fred Wright, Billy Middleton, Jack Chapman, R. M. Storey, Albert Mills, E. E. Harrop, Gordon McCutcheon and W. Coles.

The 30-page booklet, with its blue, white and gold cover, is a lasting tribute to the Legionnaires of the past and present.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm



The Easter season has come and gone and whatever the weather before and after, no one could possibly have asked for a better Easter Sunday. Sun shining all day and reasonably warm for the first of April.

Easter is such a happy occasion, especially as its promise of spiritual rebirth coincides with nature's awakening to new life once again. Special church services, Easter flowers and lovely choral music in churches and by radio and television, all contribute so much. Everything cheerful and full of promise. If we don't feel a lift in our hearts we must indeed be dull and unresponsive. No doubt Old Country people will agree with me that at Easter our thoughts are apt to drift homeward more than at any other time of the year. Not necessarily with regret but rather in grateful remembrance.

It makes us happy to recall the lovely shaded country lanes, banks yellow-dotted with primroses and the air sweet-scented from the shy violets in woods and lanes. No wonder Robert Browning wrote—"Oh, to be in England now that April's here!" If one had the time, the opportunity and the money, wouldn't it be wonderful to fly over to the Old Country just to see the primroses and violets in bloom once again?

However, if that isn't possible, we at least have our memories. The philosophy that "it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all" applies to more than human relations. It applies equally well to places and things that have brought us happiness in days gone by. And yet, even as we remember the past, consciously or unconsciously, we are building up memories to treasure in the days to come, for the present will eventually become the past as we move day by day into the future.

Some of my more recent memories in shopping with grandson Dave! By special request, I went to Toronto to help Daughter with a day's shopping. Dave had to be taken along too, as he needed to be fitted for shoes and a few other things. Believe me, we had a most interesting and energetic day. Dave was really quite good but of course, staying very long in one place was not to be expected. However, we coped with that by having a hard time on our young man. Six white Mummy shopped for drapes and shirts, Grandma took charge of Dave, who was constantly finding new worlds to explore—the world of moving staircases, elevators to ride and toys that might be seen but not touched. When he came to anything that moved, Dave had one request—"I go too!" which meant that Grandma followed.

When our shopping was done—it lasted four hours—we went over to his Dad's office—and that was an unexpected thrill. Needless to say, Dave dropped off to sleep in the streetcar coming home, and stayed asleep while being transported from streetcar to stroller and from the stroller to his crib. The little man had had quite a day. But oh dear, what a bitter cold wind we had to contend with. I was really glad to be back home and out of the weather.

On Good Friday, although it was a miserable day, the family drove out here—with Dave none the worse for wear. They had stopped at Oakville on the way up, intending to visit Bob and Joy, but changed their mind when they found the street where they live practically impassable—mud and ruts almost axle deep due to storm sewer operations. It has been like that for weeks. Even though Bob manages to stroller and out with his car, it can't be very good for the motor. Saturday, before they could get out to come up here, Bob had to jack up the car and put stone down in the ruts. Just one of the joys of urban life! Looks as if horse and buggy conditions are sometimes with us yet—but without the horse and buggy to help us out.

The motor traffic over the weekend must have been terrific. We noticed it in rather a peculiar way on this road. One time in particular I was working in the kitchen. Of course, the doors and windows were closed and yet, although we are quite a piece in from the road, I soon became conscious of a steady, incessant rumbling—due to atmospheric conditions and traffic on the road. What will it be when Highway 401 goes through!

Saturday night we had unexpected callers. About nine o'clock, our good watch-dog was making a great to-do. There wasn't a car in sight but amid the bedlam we heard a knock at the door. A middle-aged couple claimed to have come off the Hamilton bus and were looking for a family—of whom we had never heard—but who apparently lived about five miles south-east of here. The story may have been true but it sounded a little suspicious. Partner suggested they go back to the gas station and call a taxi. They were certainly taking chances—by walking on a strange road on a dark night—and in dark clothes—and by walking up to a farm house without knowing what dogs were around. And if I had been alone—and without a dog—I wouldn't have been too happy when this strange couple appeared on our doorstep. Sunday we had more unexpected callers.

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